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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: Nhan T. Tran  
SEIJI HASHIMOTO )  
Application No.: 09/611,269 )  
Filed: July 6, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) Group Art Unit: 2615  
: December 28, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2004, consider the following prior to the examination of the above-identified application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith

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Date of Signature